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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 18th February 2026

Nrityagiri to host 'Nada Nritya'

Ranga Ram

Vidu. Bhargavi

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Nrityagiri - Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, will be presenting 'Nada Nritya,' a special evening of Indian classical arts featuring two artistes based in New Jersey, USA, at its premises in Preethi Layout, Srirampura, Mysuru, tomorrow (Feb. 19) from 6 pm to 8 pm.

The evening will include an instrumental morching concert by **Ranga Ram Sheshadri,** an Assistant Engineer with the State of New York and a dedicated morching artiste. He has received training under his guru T.S. Nandakumar and continues to present this traditional percussion art form with commitment.

He will be accompanied by Vidu. H.L. Nagasree on vocal, Vid. Dasappa on mridanga and Vid. Yashaswee on violin.

This will be followed by a Bharatanatyam recital by **Vidu. Bhargavi Sheshadri** (wife of Ranga Ram Sheshadri), a senior disciple of Nrityagiri and Founder of Nritya Ranga Performing Arts Academy, New Jersey. Professionally a nutritionist with the WIC programme, she is a dedicated Bharatanatyam practitioner and teacher who actively promotes Indian classical dance through performance and training.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

AI-YYO DOCTOR: ***Every time I water the bougainvillea near the compound wall, my next-door neighbour will lean over for some medical advice. But many people who used to visit the friendly family physician for their health issues, have nowadays replaced their GP with ChatGPT:*** *"I have a headache doctor — I'm sure I have cancer. I'm wondering whether I should do an MRI or plan directly for brain surgery?"*

I dread the day when instead of depending on a doctor for a second opinion after self-diagnosis, patients will do their own surgery after watching a neurosurgeon on YouTube. And I gently suggest to Hypochondriac that he get his eyes checked before making a spectacle of himself. AI (Artificial Intelligence) in healthcare is like the Indian politician — jumping to conclusions but completely lacking in vision.

AI is making its presence felt in every field and in healthcare it's promising incredible things. Imagine that as soon as the patient sits on a sofa in the doctor's waiting room, the seat will record weight, body fat percentage and potential need for hip replacement. A visit to the restroom will be even more informative — it will reveal blood sugar, cholesterol and an untreated infection from the last trip to Bangkok. AI will help you order cheese-burst pizza as you wait and inform the doctor that your diet is contributing to your clogged coronaries. Your X-ray will reveal more than your fractured femur — it will also alert the I-T Cell about your stash of cash in Cayman Islands.

But what the patient will find lacking is the human touch — empathy and emotional intelligence. Recognising from non-verbal clues the stress that is causing the backache from a 70-hour week. The friendly neighbourhood doctor hearing the tremor in the voice of an ageing parent and picking up the depression of loneliness and old age. Even though the patient jokes that no one can read the doctor's handwriting, the doctor is reading more than the average patient expresses in words. Like the viral video of Pedestrian Prabhavathi in Kozhikode, we need the doctor to firmly re-direct the patient onto the right path.

If you've already made a diagnosis, then why do you need a doctor, I asked Harish. It's because we need someone to blame when things go wrong — we can't possibly beat up a computer. AI-yyo! *— Anil Abraham in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Rare Pokémon card auctioned for $16 million

Runnemede: A rare Pokémon card famously owned by online celebrity-turned WWE wrestler Logan Paul was auctioned for a record-breaking $16,492,000.

The Pikachu Illustrator card was one of only 39 produced as prizes for a 1998 contest and is the only one to be graded a 10 by Professional Sports Authenticator. The card became the world's most expensive Pokémon card when Paul purchased it for $5,275,000 in 2021. He famously wore the card around his neck when he made his debut at WWE's WrestleMania in 2022.

Paul put the card up on the block via online auction house Goldin and it sold to AJ Scaramucci for $16,492,000, making it the most expensive Pokémon card sold at auction and the most expensive trading card sold at auction.

Underwear thief identified as cat

Whakatāne: A serial thief who has been stealing items including towels, shoes and underwear from a New Zealand school for over a year was finally caught on camera and identified as a literal cat burglar.

The school posted a video to Facebook when the thief was finally caught on a security camera. The footage shows a black cat dragging a large towel across the playground.

Marama Stewart, principal of the Apanui School in Whakatāne, said that the school's grounds-keeper made contact with the cat's owner, who confirmed their pet was a notorious thief.

"Can we say his owner wishes that he remains anonymous? We're calling him Slinky Malinki," Stewart said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Endoscopy helps diagnose gastrointestinal disorders accurately and reduces the need for unnecessary medications.

By Dr. Nischay R - Consultant – Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Disruption in power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 18- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up underground cable laying works at Yadavagiri and Narasimhaswamy power lines coming under V.V. Mohalla Sub-Division, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Feb. 19) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Yadavagiri power lines: Vivekananda Main Road, Yadavagiri 1st, 2nd and 3rd Mains, Railway Track Road, Ramanna Circle, Dhobi Ghat, Jawa Circle and surrounding areas.

Narasimhaswamy Power Line: Vijayanagar 1st Stage, surrounding areas of BVB, Yoganarasimhaswamy temple, K.D. Road, Hunsur Road and Hinkal.

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up works on converting single-phase towers to double-circuit (two-phase) towers and two-phase power lines at Hootagalli-Vajamangala-T.K. Halli (coming under Mayura and Hoysala power lines), there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Hebbal 2nd Stage, 1st to 8th Cross, Nisarga Layout, surrounding areas of Chitra Residency, Chennamma Circle, Yajamana Circle, Lakshmikanthnagar and surrounding areas, according to CESC Executive Engineer, VV Mohalla Division.

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Yesterday's level **117.31 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.83 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.06 feet**
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Today's Outflow **4,356 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Mahatma Gandhi used his publications to advocate non-violent resistance and self-reliance.***
- ***Bal Gangadhar Tilak used Kesari to promote the idea that "Swaraj is my birthright."***
- ***Raja Rammohan Roy was known for using the press to fight against social evils like Sati.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Police Officer at accident site: *"I want your news report to mention how useful a helmet can be. This person fell into a 30-ft pit while riding a bike at 100mph; still there is not a single scratch on his face as he was wearing a helmet."*
Reporter: *"That's miraculous. Can we interview that person?"*
Officer: *"I'm afraid, not. We haven't found rest of the body yet!"*

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Zipline over Karanji Lake

- Rs. 18.36 cr. Eco Experience Zone project work underway at Lake
- Two 18-metre-high pillars, 250-metre adventure planned

The works on pillars and other civil structures being undertaken this morning inside the Karanji Lake Nature Park for the zipline project.

Do we need it?

Environmental activists have raised concerns over the proposed zipline inside Karanji Lake Nature Park and the adjoining Mysuru Zoo, both eco-sensitive zones, citing worsening traffic congestion caused by converging roads and heavy tourist inflow. They have also flagged safety risks linked to pillars being erected for the facility and recalled the earlier unscientific ropeway proposal atop Chamundi Hill that was shelved after public opposition. Activists argue the Rs. 18.36-crore zipline allocation could instead revive the long-pending Zoo aquarium project, which has remained abandoned since 2018.

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (MTY&BCT)- Work has commenced on a zipline at the Karanji Lake Nature Park near Mysuru Zoo. The adventure facility will run from the southern to the northern side of the lake and preliminary civil works are already underway.

The project forms part of the Eco Experience Zone launched under the Central Government's Swadesh Darshan scheme, which envisions transforming the ecological landscape surrounding the Zoo and Karanji Lake. The total estimated cost of the initiative is Rs. 18.36 crore.

The scheme proposes to link the Zoo and Karanji Lake and further connect them to Regional Museum of Natural History.

(See ZIPLINE on page 7)

VOICE OF THE READER

An open letter to City Police Commissioner

Thank You Madam Commr. and a suggestion to *SOM*

Sir,

I write to sincerely thank *Star of Mysore* for publishing my 'Open letter to the City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar' on Feb. 10 with such prominence and responsibility.

The manner in which it was carried truly demonstrated what I would call the *"SOM effect"* — when a citizen's voice is amplified with credibility and purpose, it creates real impact.

I am equally grateful to Madam Commissioner for her gracious and detailed response in *Star of Mysore* dated Feb. 13, outlining the concrete steps taken by the department while appreciating the urgency of the concerns raised.

Her humility and commitment reflect strong and responsive leadership for Mysuru.

May I also humbly suggest reviving the WhatsApp Readers Connect initiative by *Star of Mysore*.

It once served as an effective bridge between citizens and officials, keeping *Namma Mysuru* informed and assured that when something truly matters, it reaches the right authorities — irrespective of who raises it.

My own experience stands as testimony to that belief.

Thank you STAR and Madam Commissioner once again for strengthening civic dialogue in our city.

— Anthony Haslaunger Willi

Mysuru
13.2.2026

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At the request of many readers, *Star of Mysore* is reinstating its WhatsApp Helpline.

This initiative is more than a communication channel, it is an invitation to awaken the vigilant citizen in every Mysurean.

By highlighting civic issues and administrative apathy where it exists, we take the first step toward accountability and improvement.

Silence protects problems. Participation corrects them. If we cherish Mysuru, we must care enough to speak up for it.

Readers may send their grievances, civic complaints, photographs and videos so that the authorities concerned can be alerted to issues affecting our city.

We also encourage citizens to share information about meaningful community initiatives and individuals whose work deserves recognition.

Let us move from passive concern to active citizenship.

NOTE: This is a WhatsApp messaging line only. It is not a calling number. Please do not place calls. —Ed

NEWS BRIEFS

Book launch tomorrow

Mysuru Book Clubs Charitable Trust has organised a programme at *The Sorento* in V.V. Mohalla tomorrow (Feb. 19) at 5 pm for the launch of the book 'When Science Meets The Soul,' authored by M.D. Vipul Mankad. Dr. Nalini Chandar will be the moderator.

Story-telling at Suruchi Rangamane

Ganeshaprasad

As part of Kathe Kelona Banni- 920, Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by K. Ganeshaprasad, Procurement Manager, L&T Technology Services, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, on Feb. 21 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Matrimonial Meet

The JSS Vivaha Vedike has organised a matrimonial meet of prospective brides and bridegrooms at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises at 10 am on Feb. 22. The interested prospective brides and bridegrooms can register in advance online — *www.jssmatrimony.com*. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430322 or Mob: 83101-21328 or 94807-70855 or 94815-30441, according to a press release.

Free Cancer Clinic

A free Cancer Detection Clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on Feb. 19 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Free Consultation

Dr. C. Sharath Kumar, super-specialist in Sexual Medicine and Surgery will be providing free consultation at Siddaganga Medical College and Hospital in Tumakuru every Thursday between 2 pm and 4 pm. For more details, contact Mob: 81626-02222.

Ph.D awardee

S.G. Kruthika has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science and Engineering by the JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, for her thesis titled 'Development of Voice Comparison Algorithms for Forensics' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Trisiladevi C. Nagavi.

Noisy silencers Silenced

Residents' complaints trigger crackdown on wheelies, loud exhausts

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (MK&BCT)- As part of the National Road Safety Month campaign, Mysuru Police crushed 378 defective silencers seized during special drives against wheelies and modified exhausts on bikes and scooters, rendering them unusable.

The altered silencers were found to be causing severe noise pollution and inconvenience to road users, particularly senior citizens.

The silencers, confiscated during enforcement operations across the city in January, were destroyed using a road roller at the Police Canteen premises on Lalitha Mahal Road. Riders were issued challans under the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and in several cases, vehicles were detained until compliant silencers were fitted.

The seizures were made across multiple Traffic Police Station limits: Devaraja Traffic Police Station (26), K.R. Traffic Police Station (59), NR Traffic Police Station (50), Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station (43) and V.V. Puram Traffic Police Station (200), taking the total number of destroyed silencers to 378.

Senior citizens were among those most affected by the high-decibel noise, prompting the City Police to launch a special drive in December to identify vehicles causing noise pollution.

Residents had complained of excessive noise, late-night racing and disturbances near hospitals, schools and busy marketplaces. Traffic and local Police teams set up checkpoints, stopped suspected vehicles and inspected exhaust systems for illegal modifications.

Officers reported finding cut pipes, aftermarket free-flow units and tampered baffles designed to amplify sound and give riders a louder riding experience. The drive targeted vehicles generating abnormal noise and violating motor vehicle rules related to emission and sound standards.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj said, the operation was part of the national campaign. He stressed that using defective silencers and performing wheelies are traffic violations and warned that special checks would continue. Riders found with modified silencers or engaging in dangerous stunts would face legal action, he added.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Traffic ACP Shivashankar, Krishnaraja Traffic Inspector Mahadevaswamy, Siddarthanagar Traffic Inspector Sridhar Nayak, Sub-Inspector Prabhu, V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Lava, Narasimharaja Traffic Sub-Inspector Siddesh and other officers were present during the operation.

2 Bengaluru-based drugs suppliers arrested

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (KS)- The Mysuru City Police, who were targeting local drug peddlers to make Mysuru a drug-free city, are now targeting those supplying narcotic substances to city.

On Feb. 17, CCB Police have arrested two Bengaluru-based drugs suppliers and have seized 51.83 grams MDMA drug worth about Rs. 5.10 lakh and 2.230 kgs ganja worth about Rs. 1.25 lakh besides seizing a Hyundai i20 car (DL-7-CP-8989) from them. The arrested drugs suppliers have been identified as 27-year-old R. Pramod and 23-year-old M. Vikas, both residents of Vijayananda Nagar in Nadini Layout, Bengaluru.

A case has been registered at Metagalli Police Station and both the accused have been remanded to Judicial Custody.

CCB Police said that strict action is being taken against those supplying drugs to Mysuru from other States and a hawk eye vigil is being kept on the activities of drugs supplying accused persons and drug peddlers.

R. Pramod

M. Vikas

CCB ACP Mohammed Shariff Rawther guided Inspector Shabeer Hussain, Sub-Inspectors K. Lepaksha, Jyotsnaraj and Revanasiddappa and staff Madhukumar, Chethan, Rajasab, Yashwanthkumar, Kiran Rathod, Santosh Pawar, Hazarath Ali, Sameer, Mamatha and Siddaraju took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Obituary

Palaniyamma

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Palaniyamma (80), wife of late Sundaram Chettiyar and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her son Varadaraj (trader at Bandipalya), three daughters, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Prabhakar

Prabhakar (63), Chief of Sri Prasanna Saibaba Mandira on Thyagaraja Road, Mysuru, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his mother, sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning, according to family sources.

M. Satish

M. Satish (79), retired Agriculture Department officer and a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Sundaramma, two sons including BJP leader S. Sharath, three daughters, daughter-in-law Dr. Ashwini Sharath (former Corporator) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Adi Karnataka Burial Grounds at Gandhinagar this afternoon, according to family sources.

NJ Hospital conducts Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session

Mysuru, Feb. 18- As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, NJ Hospital, Mysuru, conducted an interactive awareness session on menstrual hygiene for high school girl students of St. Joseph's School.

The awareness session was led by Dr. D. Sindhu Lakshmi, who spoke to students about menstruation, menstrual hygiene practices, common myths, nutrition during periods and simple yogasana to manage menstrual discomfort. The discussion was conducted in an age-appropriate and student-friendly manner, encouraging open interaction.

Special emphasis was laid on normalising menstruation and breaking long-standing social taboos through correct scientific knowledge. The students actively participated and shared their questions freely, making the session informative and engaging.

Speaking on the occasion, Maria Laila, Principal of St. Joseph's School, said, "Such awareness sessions are very important for our students, as they help them understand their bodies better and build confidence. We appreciate NJ Hospital for taking this meaningful initiative for the well-being of our students."

School management lauded the initiative by NJ Hospital, noting its role in promoting adolescent health and awareness.

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Land conversion at foot of Chamundi Hill

MDA sent land use change proposal despite denial

Private parties seek conversion of 15.3 acres of land; MDA sends to Govt. for approval

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BCT)- Despite the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) Commissioner earlier stating that no proposal had been submitted to the State Government to convert 'Special Agricultural Zone' land for residential use at the foot of Chamundi Hill, documents now indicate that such a proposal has, in fact, been forwarded to the Government for approval.

MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith had maintained that no land use conversion proposal had been sent. However, records accessed by *Star of Mysore* show that, based on requests from private land owners, the MDA submitted a proposal in January to the Directorate of Town and Country Planning, seeking approval to change land use in Survey Numbers 35, 36, 37, 47 and 75 of Kurubarahalli village.

The proposal references petitions filed by Ruby Peter and Rani Peter on Oct. 11, 2023, a Government order dated Jan. 12, 2016, and subsequent petitions by J. Bapuji and B. Deepak Kumar on July 16, 2025, along with Resolution No. 346 of the MDA Board meeting, which are the documents cited in support of the requested conversion.

15 acres and 3 guntas of land

As per the submission, portions of land across the five survey numbers, totalling 15 acres and 3 guntas, have been sought for conversion from a 'Special Agricultural Zone' to a commercial zone under the approved Master Plan to residential and commercial use.

In its proposal, the Authority noted that the land was surrounded on three sides by residential areas hence, can be considered for conversion at the MDA Board meeting.

KTCP Act, 1961

Subsequently, on behalf of J. Bapuji and Harekrishna Shelters Pvt. Ltd., Managing Director B. Deepak Kumar, son of Bhavarlal Kothari, submitted a petition stating that they had purchased the land previously owned by Ruby Peter and Rani Peter.

They requested that the earlier application for land use conversion be continued and that the land conversion be granted in the names of the present owners, submitting the necessary supporting documents.

Before the MDA Board

The MDA kept this proposal before the MDA Board and stated that the land was surrounded by residential areas so the MDA decided to recommend to the Government that the land be converted from a 'Special Agricultural Zone' to a residential zone.

Interestingly K.R. MLA Srivatsa clarified on Feb. 14 that in 2016, under the leadership of then Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, rules were framed prohibiting any change in the Special Agricultural Zone around Chamundi Hill until 2031.

The rule clearly stated that the land other than agriculture can only be used for constructing a 'single house,' an orphanage or an educational institution and does not allow conversion for residential layouts. He had said the despite this rule the MDA had sent a recommendation to convert this land for a residential layouts which is illegal.

Give officials free hand to act against encroachments: MLA

T.S. Srivatsa

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BLU & BCT)- This is the same land next to which the Lake was encroached and an attempt was made to add this three-acre Lake to the 15.3-acre land, which has been sent for conversion approval. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa has called for stringent legal action against those who encroached upon this lake as an example to others who dare to encroach government lakes and land.

Addressing a press conference on Monday at the lake where the encroachment was cleared, he demanded that Tahsildar K.M. Mahesh Kumar file a police case against the encroachers within 24 hours.

"The State Government must give officials a free hand to act against such illegalities. Often, officers turn a blind eye to encroachments on Government land due to pressure from elected representatives. If allowed to function they can perform their duties promptly, as seen in this case," he said.

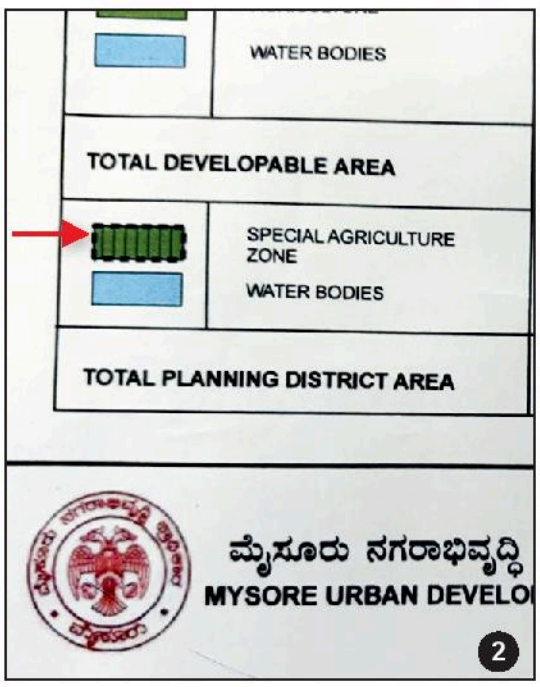
There is no illegality: MDA Commr.

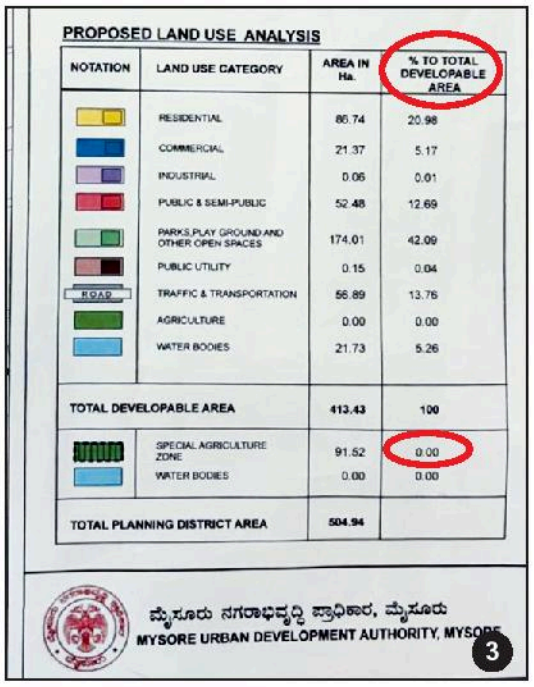
K.R. Rakshith

Mysuru, Feb. 18- MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith said "The 15 acres and 3 guntas of land proposed for conversion to residential use has been sent to Government for approval only after confirming that it lies 100 metres beyond 'No Development Zone' and the 'Special Agricultural Zone' at foot of Chamundi Hill. The proposal has been processed under Section 14(A) of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961 and approved by MDA Board. There is no illegality here. A proposal cannot even be placed before MDA Board unless the land is confirmed to be beyond 'Special Agricultural Zone' and 'No Development Zone' limits."

Who is right & who is lying?

While the MLA says nothing can be built other than one house, an orphanage or an educational institution on Special Agricultural Zone till 2031, the MDA Commissioner has stated that the land in question is not in Special Agricultural Zone but 'beyond' it. However, the MDA map shows that this land itself is in Special Agricultural Zone!

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PIC. 1: ***Above map shows the land in question marked as Special Agricultural Zone.*** *PIC. 2:* ***MDA map's key markings and symbol clearly indicate the green area with black lines is Special Agricultural Zone.*** *PIC. 3:* ***MDA map indicates the land in question as 'Zero Developable Area'.***

Bengaluru Chalo tomorrow

KSRTC puts brakes on staff; moves 'No Work No Pay' policy

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (MTY&BS)- With the employees of various Transport Corporations including KSRTC giving a call for *Bengaluru Chalo* tomorrow (Feb. 19) under the banner of Joint Committee of Trade Unions, KSRTC authorities have taken all precautionary measures to ensure smooth operation of buses in the interest of commuters.

Bengaluru Chalo has been called to exert pressure on the State Government to revise the salary and clear pending salary arrears.

As part of the *Chalo*, the staff on leave and week off from KSRTC, Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC) are expected to take part in the protest organised at Freedom Park in Bengaluru.

Warnings

To deter a large number of employees from taking part in the protest, KSRTC has invoked 'No Work No Pay' policy, effective from 48 hours prior to the strike.

The respective Depot Managers and Divisional Traffic Officers (DTOs) have been specifically instructed to implement the policy. If any staff including drivers, conductors and mechanic is found absent, the day's pay will be cut and unauthorised leave is also not allowed, as KSRTC being a public service sector, there is no provision for leave.

However, neither of the employees have applied for leave so far, a KSRTC Officer said.

Bus trips

KSRTC Mysuru Rural depot alone has 675 buses operating 2,300 and odd trips, besides 75 Inter-State trips. While the KSRTC Urban Depot has 540 buses covering 2,266 trips daily.

KSRTC Divisional Controller (DC)-Urban, H.T. Veeresh told *Star of Mysore* this morning that all the staff attached to four depots — Kuvempunagar, Sathagalli, Hinkal and Vijayanagar — including drivers, conductors and mechanics, have been told to attend duty. However, as a precautionary measure, a letter seeking Police security has been written to the competent authorities, to facilitate the smooth operation of buses, without any disruption in services.

KSRTC Rural DC Srinivas said, we are taking measures so that passengers are not left inconvenienced.

Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre shifted

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Following public complaints of traffic congestion in front of the Regional Transport Office (West) at Chamarajapuram during vehicle inspections, authorities have decided to shift the Inspection and Certification (I&C) Centre to ease the situation.

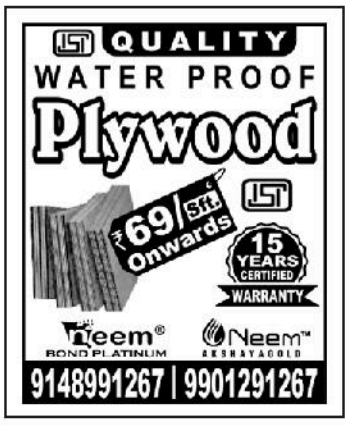
The new I&C Centre, for issuance and renewal of Fitness Certificates and Registration Certificates, new vehicle registrations and processing of vehicles migrated from other States, will now function near the Regional Transport Office (East) at Devanur Extension, Rajivnagar Third Stage in Mysuru with effect from Mar. 1, 2026.

In a press release, the Regional Transport Office has sought the co-operation of public and vehicle showrooms regarding the shifting.

For details or clarification, public may contact Paramesh on Mob: 99455-37375, according to a press release from the Regional Transport Officer (West).

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. POORNIMA R. GOPAL,** W/o Sri. K. Ramagopal, residing at A-3, Flat No. 201, 2nd Floor, Palacia Green Samudaya Appartment, Bogadi Main Road, Bogadi Mysuru-570026 have Changed my Name From **'UDYAVARA POORNIMA'** to **'POORNIMA R GOPAL'** Vide affidavit Sworn before Notary K.M. Krishna, Mysuru on 14-02-2026.



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Zipline over Karanji Lake

(Continued from page 3)

Planned attractions include an internal connectivity corridor between the Zoo and the lake, a treetop canopy walk, an eco-bridge connector, an eco-tower, a rustic rope bridge, a nature-themed food court, the zipline facility and provision for a lakeside walk.

The project is being implemented by Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited (KTIL), the executing agency of the Tourism Department.

Zoo had rejected the plan

It may be recalled that in March last year, Zoo authorities had rejected the Tourism Department's proposal to develop Karanji Lake Nature Park as a tourist destination, citing environmental concerns and the risk of commercial exploitation that could harm the fragile ecosystem.

The then Zoo Executive Director had stated that such developments would violate environmental guidelines prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority and the Zoo Authority of Karnataka.

Despite the earlier rejection, work on the zipline has begun quietly, while there is little clarity on the status of other components proposed under the Eco Experience Zone.

Tourism Department officials told *Star of Mysore* that construction of the zipline started about one-and-a-half months ago and will involve erecting two pillars to support the structure.

The pillars are being erected- one on the Lalitha Mahal (south) side and the other on the Nazarbad (north) side. The zipline will stand 18 metres high and extend 250 metres in length, and is being executed by a Bengaluru-based contractor.

"Foundation work for the pillars is in full swing and the project timeline is nine months. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2026, following which operations will commence," officials said.

Annual General Body Meeting

Mysuru, Feb.18- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Karnataka State Government Employees Association will be held at the Association premises on Dhanvantri Road in city at 11 am on Feb. 22.

The meeting will be presided by Association District Unit President Dr. C.B. Arun Kumar.

All the members of the Association are requested to attend, according to a press release.

Youth dies of injuries

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BS)- A 22-year-old youth, who had sustained critical injuries, after accidentally falling down, while pulling the yoke of a bullock cart, during the Bandi Habba of village deity Bandarasamma, at Talkad village in T. Narasipur taluk yesterday, succumbed this morning.

Praveen

The deceased is identified as Praveen, who had been admitted at the District Hospital on KRS Road here, where he breathed his last.

Praveen was holding the yoke of bullock cart carrying the idol of village deity and decorated by flowers of myriad hues. Following the crowd, the panicked pair of oxen ran haywire, when he allegedly fell down and suffered grievous injuries, it is said.

A case has been registered at Talkad Police Station.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The long road to... buying a new car

Buying a new car today is not a transaction. It is a day-long theatrical production in which you play the lead role without ever seeing the script. You enter a dealership hoping to compare a few models, take a test drive and buy the car. The dealership, however, has other ideas.

Before you cross the first row of polished machines, a young executive appears with the timing of a seasoned magician. She welcomes you, offers water and coffee, settles you into a chair and promises that a sales agent is on his way. What she omits is that he seems to be travelling from another city and will arrive only after a ceremonial twenty-minute wait.

He finally appears, asks what you are looking for and then explains what you should be looking for. Within minutes, he convinces you that your life has lacked the latest variant that arrived only two days ago. The manufacturer, he assures you, has thoughtfully designed this car keeping both your future and your bank's future in mind.

You move from one model to another while he narrates features that grow with each sentence. The car does not merely save fuel; it understands you. The seats do not just support; they protect with the wisdom of years of research. The suspension does not absorb bumps; it conducts quiet diplomacy with the road. At some point, you begin to suspect that the company manufactures psychology with wheels attached. You nod politely, unwilling to interrupt a performance that runs without rehearsal.

Then you ask for the price.

The first number is delivered calmly. You assume this is the total. It is not. A pen appears and additions begin. There is the special colour, handling charges, logistics, preparation, documentation — possibly even a fee for explaining the other fees. Each line is presented with the authority of a budget speech. When you ask why

the list is longer than the feature brochure, you are told these are 'standard across the industry.'

The test drive feels like liberation, until you are besieged by OTPs and automated messages. Your licence and phone number are surrendered to a higher digital authority that eventually confirms the car is ready.

The executive sits beside you like a coach observing an athlete. You hear a faint noise. The car is 'warming up.' You sense a slight lag. The engine is 'learning your driving style.' A turn produces a gentle pull. That is 'advanced steering feedback.' By the time you return, you are unsure whether you tested the car or the car assessed you. The drive, you are assured, went very well.

Negotiation follows. You ask for a better price. The executive lowers his voice and says he must speak to the manager. He disappears behind a frosted glass door. You wait, observing other customers in similar rituals. He returns with a slightly reduced figure. You hesitate. He returns to the frosted room. This sequence repeats. Each visit produces minor numerical adjustments. You begin to feel that you and the manager are negotiating through an interpreter who enjoys the process more than the outcome.

Finance introduces another character. If you pay upfront, unfamiliar numbers appear on a calculator. If you prefer a loan, a specialist explains interest rates, processing fees, bundled insurance and tenure options with impressive fluency. A chart shows how much you 'save' with the longest tenure. When you ask for the total payable over the entire period, there is a brief pause before the discussion gently returns to the monthly instalment. Smaller numbers, you realise, are more comforting than larger truths.

Insurance adds further nuance. There is a basic plan that covers very little and a comprehensive plan that covers almost everything, except the situations most drivers eventually encounter. You ask whether you can choose your own insurer. It is possible, but not advisable. External insurers delay delivery. Claims become complicated. The choice, you understand, exists largely in theory.

Delivery timelines require faith. The car is 'on the way.' Then it has 'reached the yard.' Then it awaits 'processing.' A manager must approve release. Eventually, you stop asking. One day, the call comes. The car is ready. Relief replaces curiosity.

Then comes the celebratory ritual. Photographs are taken. You and your family stand around the vehicle as though welcoming a new member. Smiles are exchanged. Keys are handed over with quiet triumph.

As you drive away, a realisation settles in. You have not merely bought a car. You have navigated a system designed to test patience, arithmetic and composure. You tell yourself that this is how the market works and that every buyer goes through the same routine.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Competitions at 38th All India Postal Cultural Meet

Kerala Postal Circle secures top position on Day-1

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (MPM)- The first day of competitions at the 38th All India Postal Cultural Meet, currently being held in Mysuru, witnessed **Kerala Postal Circle** securing the top position. Kerala won ten first prizes and one second prize, earning a total of 53 points.

The second position was secured by **Karnataka Postal Circle**, which won five first prizes, seven second prizes and one third prize, accumulating a total of 47 points.

The third position was achieved by **Odisha Postal Circle**, which won two first prizes, one second prize and one third prize, securing a total of 14 points.

From Kerala Postal Circle, **Srihari** won in the junior category of Karnatak Classical Music; **Teertha Prakash** won in the senior category of Karnatak Classical Music; **Vishnu Vijay** won in the senior category of flute and mridanga performances.

From Karnataka Postal Circle, **R. Girish** won in the senior category of Karnatak Classical Music and Light Music; **S. Charmi** won in the junior category of Light Music in the Karnatak style; **R. Chandrashekar** won in the senior category of ghata and mridanga performance.

K.R. Pratham won in the junior category of flute performance. **J. Deeksha** won in the senior category of veena performance. **Abhigna** won in the junior category of Karnatak Classical Music. **C.G. Pradyum Kaushik** won in the senior category of violin performance.

Vishnu Vijay from Kerala Postal Circle, who won in the senior category of flute and mridanga performances. Picture right shows R. Girish from Karnataka Postal Circle, who won in the senior category of Karnatak Classical Music and Light Music.

From Odisha Postal Circle, **Hrudhya Manikaranika** won in the junior category of Kuchipudi dance, **Sameeksha Mohanty** won in the senior category of Kuchipudi dance and **Abhijit Mahapatra** won in the junior category of Hindustani Classical Music.

This five-day cultural meet, organised by the Department of Posts and hosted by Karnataka Postal Circle, is being held at the Postal Training Centre (PTC) and the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) campus in Mysuru.

A total of 335 officers, representing 21 Postal Circles from across India, are participating in the event. The meet is regarded as a significant platform for promoting cultural exchange and strengthening national integration among postal employees.

Duplin Complex case

Worried traders to meet this evening

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BLU&BS)- Following the High Court (HC) order that has come in favour of Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), the traders at Duplin Complex (Dupline Complex) opposite *Chikkagadiyara*, Shivarampet in the city, have decided to call for a meeting to discuss about future course of action.

President of Duplin Complex Merchants Association Girish told *Star of Mysore* this morning that it has been decided to convene a meeting of tenants of the shops at Duplin Complex this evening.

"The traders, owning or running a total of 51 shops on rent at the Complex, are staring at uncertainty, as there is no clarity over whether the HC order is a binding on all the shop-keepers.

To get the confusions cleared, we had also been to MDA Office yesterday but to no avail. The MDA Commissioner was busy attending a meeting," said Girish, reiterating the past developments related to the ownership of shops.

It may be mentioned that following the writ petitions filed by several merchants of Duplin Complex, the HC had passed an order in November 2025, directing MDA to invoke law as per Karnataka Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1974, within a period of three months.

Accordingly, MDA has given a deadline till first week of March for the merchants of Duplin Complex to vacate the premises on their own. Or else, MDA will be resorting to forcible eviction.

NMG train derails near Bidadi

Mysuru-Bengaluru train services resume

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (PM&DM)- The derailment of a wagon of an NMG (New Modified Goods) train between Bidadi and Ramanagara on Bengaluru-Mysuru section disrupted schedules of several trains on the route at about 5 pm on Tuesday evening.

Due to the derailment, several trains running between Mysuru and Bengaluru were cancelled/ partially cancelled or rescheduled.

Train No. 16216 (KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru Express), Journey Commencing On (JCO) 17.2.2026, was rescheduled to depart from KSR Bengaluru at 19.25 hrs instead of its scheduled departure at 18.25 hrs.

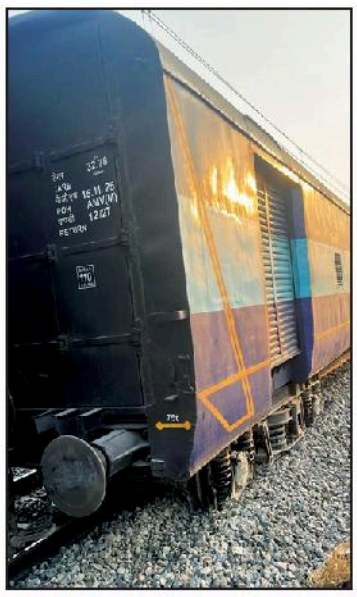
Cancellation of trains

1. Train No. 06525 (KSR Bengaluru - Ashokapuram), JCO 17.2.2026, was short-terminated at Kengeri, resulting in partial cancellation between Kengeri and Ashokapuram.

2. Train No. 06526 (Ashokapuram - KSR Bengaluru), JCO 17.2.2026, was cancelled from Ashokapuram.

3. Train No. 66553 (KSR Bengaluru - Ashokapuram), JCO 17.2.2026, scheduled to depart at 19.00 hrs, was cancelled.

4. Train No. 66580 (Ashokapuram - KSR Bengaluru), JCO 17.2.2026, scheduled to depart at 23.00 hrs, was cancelled.



SWR, has in a press release, clarified that the restoration work has been completed. Train services on affected section have resumed and are now running as per their scheduled timings.

No letters, only litter

Disused Post Box near Gandhi Square turns into an eyesore

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (PM&BS)- A Post Box that is left abandoned by the Department of Posts holds credence to how the fad for e-mails has hit the traditional mode of communication, rendering it unused for years.

This is the pathetic story of the metal made Post Box sans door on the footpath opposite Makkaji Chowk commercial complex near Gandhi Square, coming under Ward-41 of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), in the heart of the city.

With no door to cover the Post Box, the space inside is used to dump used articles, including a portrait of God. Waste is also being dumped around the box, which may gradually turn it into a waste dumping yard.

As it is exposed to sun and rain, it may gradually rust too, posing a threat to unaware passersby who come in contact with the sharp edges of the box.

Ironically, neither the Department of Posts nor the Mysuru City Corporation has taken note of the issue. With the structure remaining non-utilised, it would be better if it is removed to at least facilitate the movement of pedestrians. Moreover, with *Swachh Survekshan* underway and the MCC hoping to reclaim the top slot, it is high time that the MCC makes a move to address the eyesore in the Central Business District (CBD).

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WORD OF THE DAY

Endemic

Pronunciation: en-DEM-ik (Adjective)
Meaning: When used for a plant or animal species, endemic describes something that grows or exists in a certain place or area, and often specifically something restricted to a particular locality or region. Endemic is also used to describe diseases that persist over time in a particular region or population. It can also mean "common in a particular area or field."
Origin: It arrived via French and New Latin, with its ultimate origin likely in the Greek adjective éndēmos, which describes (among other things) a disease confined to one area. Éndēmos was formed from en- ("in") and a form of the noun dêmos, meaning "district, country, people." That word was also key to the formation of the earlier word on which éndēmos was modeled: epidēmia, meaning "disease affecting a large number of individuals." English adopted epidemic (also via French) in the early 17th century, but endemic didn't become, uh, endemic until a century and a half later. (The familiar relation pandemic slipped into the language in the mid 17th.) In current use, endemic characterizes diseases that are generally found in a particular area — malaria, for example, is said to be endemic to tropical and subtropical regions — while epidemic indicates a sudden, severe outbreak within a region or group. Endemic is also used by biologists to characterize plant and animal species that are found only in a given area.
Example: "Though less charismatic than the improbably pastel pink birds, unique endemic plants have achieved impressive feats of resourcefulness and endurance. Indeed, scientists have called the region an 'unparalleled natural laboratory' to understand how plants adapt to 'extreme environmental conditions.'" —Thea Riofrancos, Extraction: The Frontiers of Green Capitalism, 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Dapifer

One who brings meat to the table.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Spitting Image

Meaning: The phrase 'Spitting Image' is used to say that one thing is the exact likeness of another.
Origin: The term 'spitting image' is an allusion to someone who is so like someone else as to appear to have been spat from his mouth. The concept and phrase were in circulation by 1689, when George Farquhar used it in his play *Love and a Bottle:* "Poor child! He's as like his own dada as if he were spit out of his mouth."
Example: "That restored Mustang is the spitting image of the one I bought brand new back in 1982."

QUOTE BOX

My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth. **—Abraham Lincoln**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

MOUNT	MOUNT
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MOUNT	MOUNT

Answer: Mountain (Mount 10x).

SUDOKU

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9					1			

Answer to previous puzzle

1	5	6	2	9	4	7	8	3
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7	4	9	3	8	1	5	2	6
9	1	5	8	4	6	2	3	7
8	7	4	9	2	3	1	6	5
6	2	3	1	5	7	8	4	9
4	3	8	5	1	9	6	7	2
5	6	1	7	3	2	4	9	8
2	9	7	4	6	8	3	5	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Inkling
5 Brother of Kush
8 Interchange
12 Alternate, abbr.
13 Girl's name
14 India's desert region
15 Mixed drink
17 Flight prefix
18 Albanian coin
19 Came to a stop, ceased
21 Peer Gynt's playwright?
24 Piques, irritates or irks
25 Clan, especially in Ireland
26 Folksinger Guthrie
27 Strike lightly
30 Ex-Chinese Chairman?
31 Dickens novel __ ___ of Two Cities (1,4)
32 Egg cells
33 Arab market
34 Talkative bird
35 Be familiar with
36 North African country
38 Muscles and sinews
39 Ms Bendre of Bollywood?
41 Do It Yourself, abbr.
42 Kind of pastry
43 Intellectual
48 From (2,2)
49 Music director Malik
50 You may take it when off duty
51 Old and withered for poet
52 High tennis shot
53 Moon of Saturn discovered in 1672 - "hare" anagram?

DOWN
1 Integrated Avionics Comp.
2 Dead Letter Off.
3 And so on abbr.
4 Leg jewellery
5 Flow or ooze out of a small opening
6 One as a prefix
7 Heroes' hall of immortality
8 Hedge or delay
9 Sharpening device
10 Swiss river - change of "area"?
11 Dig with the finger
16 Decimal base
20 Skin lotion plant
21 Doctrines, colloquially speaking
22 Sweetheart
23 Betrothed (6,3)
24 Bestow
26 Abnormal
28 Declare
29 Clawed feet of an animal especially a quadruped
31 An alcoholic radical
35 Major pass in the Hindu Kush
37 Socially awkward or tactless act
38 Make a knot
39 Health resorts
40 Famous river of Yorkshire
41 Thrash
44 Rock musician Brian
45 Cheer
46 Airline-Selected Equip.
47 A tract of open ground, especially a grassland or a meadow

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

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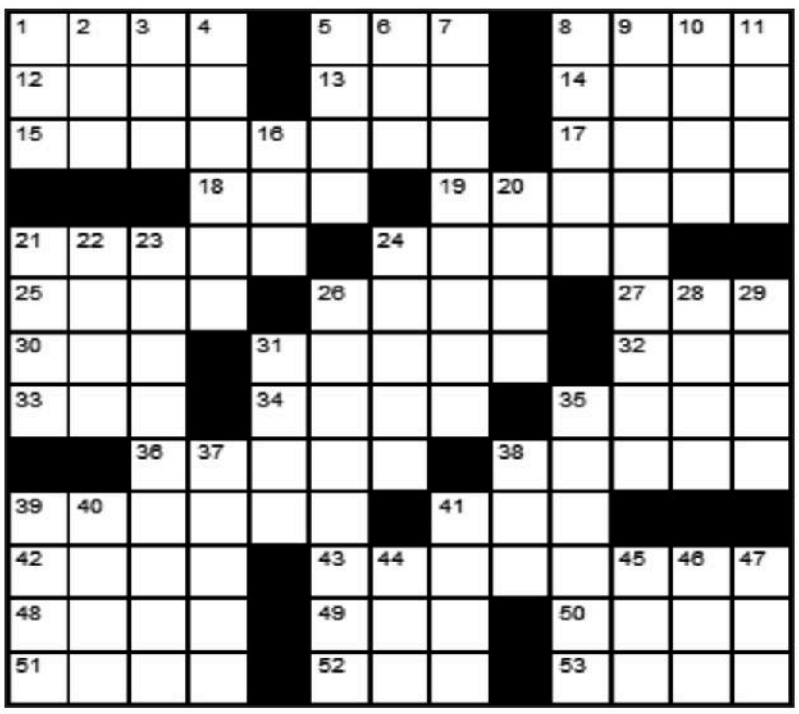

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

L SGGT RQRGHN LPT L XGPSEQ XCQT CP XAQ

RCTTIQ CJ L MGRDCPLXCGP XALX SCUQJ

CRRGHXLICXN XG L MGPUQHJLXCGP.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS T

Saturday's Cryptoquip: Every duty which we omit obscures some truth which we should have known.

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  O Sundara Rakshasi (K) - 2 Shows; *Daiva (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Landlord (K) - 4 Shows
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  Pookie (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  O'Romeo 3 (H) - 3 Shows

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O' Romeo (H)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Crime 101 (E)	(S-1)	7.35 pm, 10.25 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Seetha Payana (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	(S-2)	4.20 pm, 7.20 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.15pm, 7pm, 9.45pm
Marali Manasaagide (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Funky (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Landlord (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Pookie (Ka)	(S-1)	4 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Nilave (Te)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
O'Romeo (H)	(S-2)	1 pm, 7 pm
	(S-3)	3.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-2)	4.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Star (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	(S-3)	7.05 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	9.35 am, 12.50 pm , 4.10 pm, 10. 20 pm
O'Romeo (H)	:	9.35 am, 12.50 pm, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Crime 101 (E)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Wuthering Heights (E)	:	10.40 am, 12.55 pm, 6.45 pm
Funky (Te)	:	11. 10 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7. 10 pm
Pookie (Ta)	:	1.55 pm
JC: the University	:	3.50 pm
Funky (Te)	:	11.10 am, 1.35 pm, 7.45 pm
Landlord (K)	:	4.20 pm
Kariya (K)	:	7.05 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Mardaani 3 (H)	:	9.50 pm
Pennum Porattum (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

O'Romeo (H)	:	10.30am, 12.25pm, 2.10pm, 5.50pm, 9.30pm
Funky (Te)	:	10.35 am, 7.25 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	11.05 am, 4.45 pm
Kariya (K)	:	1.15 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	1.45 pm, 4.25 pm, 10 pm
My Lord (K)	:	4.05 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	7.10 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.25 pm. 10.10 pm
Minnale (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 18)

- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 90th anniversary & Mahashivarathri celebrations, Divya Darshana of replica of Gujarat's Sri Somnath Temple, **up to 9 pm;** Discourse by BK Dhaneshwari, Chamarajanagar, on 'Krutajnata Bhava,' **6.15 pm to 6.45 pm;** Lecture by Prof. Morabada Mallikarjun, Director, Publication Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, on 'Vyaktitva Vikasada Mettilugalu,' **7 pm to 8 pm;** Cultural programme - Kolata by Adhyayan School, Mysuru, ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Karnataka Nataka Academy, Bengaluru and SBRR Mahajana College:** Valedictory of Theatre Training Camp, book release and staging of play 'Oora Suttaru Hanumappa Horaga' (directed by K.R. Sumathi), Karnataka Nataka Academy President Dr. Nagaraja Murthy delivers valedictory address, Senior Theatre Person H. Janardhan delivers keynote address, retd. Scientist Dr. Rathi Rao releases the book, Karnataka Nataka Academy Registrar B. Neelamma and Kannada & Culture Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan chief guests, SBRR Mahajana College Principal Dr. B.R. Jayakumari presides, Publisher Abhiruchi Ganesh of Abhiruchi Prakashana, Karnataka Nataka Academy Members GPO Chandru & Dr. Jahida, SBRR Mahajana College Professor A. Radesh, Senior Theatre Director K.R. Sumathi will be present, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

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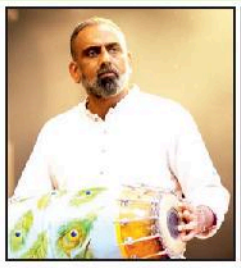
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Feb. 18: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Venuji Memorial Programme - Veena concert by **Dr. S.V. Sahana**, accompanied by **Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao** on mridanga, **5.30 pm to 7 pm;** One-woman play 'Deepa Dharini' by **Srividya Kamath,** Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar**, 7.15 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 19)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Subbarayanakere, Narayan Shastry Road:** Guru Vaibhavotsava 2026, Sri Raghavendraswamy's 405th Pattabhisheka, Dhanvantari Homa, Mutt premises, **7 am.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa's 191st Jayanti, Vedic Chanting, Mangalarati and Bhajans, **5.30 am;** Special Puja, **7.30 am;** Vishnu Sahasranama Chanting, **8 am;** Bhajans, **9 am;** Reading, **10.35 am;** Aarti, **10.45 am;** Homa, **11 am;** Prasada distribution, **12 noon;** Special discourse by H.S. Mahesh (Hanumanalu, Mysuru), **4.30 pm;** Harikathe by Shraddha Gurudas (Mangaluru), **5.30 pm;** Aarti and Special Bhajans, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** 90th anniversary & Mahashivarathri celebrations, Divya Darshana of replica of Gujarat's Sri Somnath Temple, **8 am to 9 pm;** Discourse by BK Radha, Maddur, on 'Rajayogada Mahatvike,' **6.15 pm;** Lecture by Dr. S.P. Umadevi, Senior Writer, Mysuru, on 'Naari mattu Naareetva,' **7 pm;** Mohiniyattam by BK Kalamandalam Yamuna, Cochin, ground opp. BVB Mysuru Kendra, Vijayanagar, **8 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Chhatrapati Shri Shivaji Maharaj Jayantyotsava Samiti, District Administration, Dept. of Kannada & Culture and MCC:** Chhatrapati Shivaji's 399th Jayantyotsava, procession from Kote Anjaneyaswamy, Palace North Gate, **9 am;** Stage programme - District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, CIIL Senior Researcher Dr. R. Chalapati main speaker; Sugama Sangeetha by B. Srikanth Rao Katkar, Kalamandira, **12.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	9.50am, 12.30pm, 7.30pm, 10.10pm
Crime 101 (E)	:	10 am, 7.05 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.40 pm, 10.20 pm
O'Romeo (H)	:	1.05 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Landlord (Ka)	:	3.50 pm
Funky (Te)	:	4.45 pm
Wuthering Heights (E)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Rama and Ramu (K)	:	10.30 am
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	11 am, 1.55 pm, 7.20 pm
O'Romeo (H)	:	11.10am, 2.40pm, 6.20pm, 10pm
Daiva (Ka)	:	1.15 pm
Minnale (Ta)	:	1.15 pm
Karikaada (K)	:	4.10 pm
Funky (Te)	:	4.35 pm
My Lord (Ta)	:	4.40 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	:	7.10 pm
Couple Friendly (Te)	:	7.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Prakambanam (Ma)	:	10 pm
Koodothram (Ma)	:	10.30 am

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Time: 11 am

Sri Lanka Vs **Zimbabwe**
Venue: R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
Time: 3 pm

Afghanistan Vs **Canada**
Venue: M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai
Time: 7 pm

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